

2004 ELECTION CALENDAR

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DECEMBER 2003

12/15/03 First day for nonpartisan judicial candidates (not paying filing fee) to begin circulating petitions. §7-10-103(c)(1)(A)

☒ 60 days prior to filing deadline (2/13/04)

JANUARY 2004

01/30/04 12:00 Noon – First day for nonpartisan judicial candidates to file petitions for ballot access in nonpartisan judicial general election without paying filing fee. §7-10-103(c)(1)(A)

☒ 46 days before third Tuesday in March.

01/31/04* Deadline for incumbent office holders to file Statements of Financial Interest for 2003. State and district officials file with the Secretary of State; county, township and school officials file with the county clerk; municipal officials file with the city clerk or recorder. §21-8-703(c)(1)(A) and §7-6-225

☒ Must be filed on or before January 31 of each year.

February 2004

02/13/04 12:00 Noon – Deadline for nonpartisan judicial candidates to file petitions for ballot access in nonpartisan judicial general election without paying filing fee. §7-10-103(c)

☒ 32 days before third Tuesday in March.

02/18/04 Deadline for Secretary of State to provide federal regulations to county clerks concerning voting by overseas citizens and uniformed service personnel. §7-5-406(b)(2)

☒ 90 days before nonpartisan judicial general election (5/18/04).

MARCH 2004

03/04/04 First day independent candidates for state, county, township or district office can circulate petitions. By implication it is also first day they can file petitions to run for office in the general election. **(This excludes municipal offices)** §7-7-103(b)(3)

☒ Sixty calendar days prior to deadline (May 1) for filing petitions.

03/16/04 12:00 Noon - Filing period opens for party candidates running for office in the preferential primary election and for nonpartisan judicial candidates paying filing fees. §7-7-203(c)(1) §7-10-103

☒ Third Tuesday in March and ending fourteen days thereafter (03/30/04) at noon.

03/16/04 12:00 Noon – First day candidate or his agent can notify in writing the county board of election commissioners, and either the Secretary of State, if a state or district candidate or a county clerk if a candidate for county or township office, of his intention to be a

write-in candidate. §7-5-205

03/19/04 Deadline for county clerks to begin to make available upon request applications for absentee ballots for the preferential primary election and the nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-405

☒ At least sixty (60) days before preferential primary election (05/18/04).

03/19/04 Deadline for write-in candidates in the nonpartisan judicial general election to file a notice of intent with the county board of election commissioners and either the Secretary of State or the county clerk. §7-10-103

☒ 60 days before nonpartisan judicial general election (06/18/04).

03/30/04 12:00 Noon - Deadline to file Notice of Intent as an independent candidate (except judges). §7-7-103

☒ Beginning the third Tuesday in March (03/16/04) and ending fourteen days thereafter at noon.

03/30/04 12:00 Noon - Filing period closes for party candidates running in the preferential primary and for nonpartisan judicial candidates paying filing fees. §7-7-203(c)(1) §7-10-103

☒ Beginning the third Tuesday in March (03/16/04) and ending fourteen days thereafter at noon.

03/30/04 12:00 Noon - Deadline for party candidates for state and district offices and nonpartisan judicial candidates paying filing fees to file political practice pledges with the Secretary of State and for county, municipal and township offices to file with the county clerk. §7-6-102(a)(1)

☒ Pledge must be filed not later than 12:00 noon 14 days after third Tuesday in March prior to preferential primary election

03/31/04 Deadline for State Board of Election Commissioners (for state offices) or county board of election commissioners (for county township, school and municipal offices) to review candidate names and titles on political practice pledges. §7-7-305

☒ One business day after filing deadline

APRIL 2004

04/04/04* Deadline for Secretary of State to notify party candidates for state/district offices and county clerks to notify county, township and municipal candidates, of failure to file a signed political practice pledge. Notice shall include a copy of the form and is to be sent by certified mail. §7-6-102(e)(2)(A)

☒ Within 5 days from which pledge is required to be filed.

04/06/04 State Board of Election Commissioners meets to certify new voting equipment. §7-5-606(b)(3)

☒ Meeting is Tuesday after first Monday in April. Report is due to Secretary of State within 10 days following annual meeting.

04/08/04 Deadline for the state committee of the political party to certify a full list of candidates who have qualified and are to be voted on in respective counties to the county committees and county boards of election commissioners. §7-7-203(d)

☒ Forty (40) days prior to preferential primary (05/18/04)

04/09/04 Deadline for County Clerks to begin to make available upon request applications for absentee ballots for the general primary (runoff) election. §7-5-405

☒ At least sixty (60) days before general primary (runoff) election (06/08/04).

04/13/04 Deadline for county clerk to notify each candidate (including write-ins and unopposed candidates) of filing deadlines for 10-day pre-election report and final report and to furnish appropriate forms and instructions. §7-6-208(b)(3)

☒ 14 days after filing deadline for office (03/30/04).

04/13/04 Deadline for candidates to draw for ballot positions for the preferential primary election and for the nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-7-305(b); 7-5-208(f)

☒ Thirty-five (35) days before preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election (05/18/04)

04/17/04* Deadline for county election commission to change precinct boundaries and polling sites for the preferential primary election and the nonpartisan judicial election. §7-5-101(a)(4)(A)

☒ 31 days before preferential primary election and nonpartisan judicial general election.

04/18/04* DEADLINE TO APPLY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY AND THE NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL GENERAL ELECTION. §7-5-201(a)

☒ 30 calendar days prior to preferential primary election on 05/18/04).

04/23/04 First day to demonstrate voting machines for the preferential primary election and the nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-509(b)

☒ Not more than 25 days nor less than 10 days before preferential primary election.

04/23/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to deliver absentee ballots to county clerks for the preferential primary election and the nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-407

☒ 25 days before preferential primary election and nonpartisan judicial general election.

04/28/04 Deadline for county clerk to publish the additional hours for early voting with the location of additional early voting polling sites in a newspaper. §7-5-418(b)(1); §7-5-418(5)

☒ 5 days before start of early voting for preferential primary election (5/03/04).

04/28/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to appoint election officials §7-4-107(b)

☒ 20 days before preferential primary election and nonpartisan judicial general election.

04/28/04 County board of election commissioners to give public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of date of the election, hours of voting on election day, polling sites, candidates and offices to be elected in preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-202(a)

☒ 20 days before preferential primary election

04/29/04 Deadline for party candidates to file statements of financial interest unless a statement was filed as an incumbent office holder by January 31, 2003. §21-8-701(c)

☒ Within thirty days after deadline to file for office (03/30/04).

MAY 2004

05/01/04* Deadline for independent candidates to file for office and to file political practice pledge for state, district, county and township offices. §7-6-102(a)(2), §7-7-103(b)

☒ Same day petitions for nomination are to be filed (03/02/04) through May 1*.

05/02/04* First day for Secretary of State to publish proposed constitutional amendments submitted by the General Assembly. §7-9-113(b)(2)

☒ Six months before general election (11/02/04)

05/03/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to publish and post lists of appointees as judges, clerks and sheriffs of elections. (For election on 05/18/04) §7-4-107(b)

☒ 15 days prior to preferential primary election and nonpartisan judicial general election.

05/03/04 Deadline for county clerks to mail notice to all voters affected by changes in polling sites. §7-5-101(d)(2).

☒ At least 15 days before preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election.

05/03/04 Early voting begins for preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-418(a)(1)

☒ Begins 15 days before an election and ends at 6:00 p.m. on the Monday before election day.

05/03/04 First day for designated bearer to pick up absentee ballot (2 maximum) for the preferential primary election and the nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-409(h)

☒ 15 days prior to a preferential primary or general election.

05/08/04* Deadline for county board of election commissioners to demonstrate voting machines for the preferential primary election and nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-509(b)

☒ Not less than 10 days prior to election nor more than 25 days.

05/08/04* Deadline for county board of election commissioners to change precinct boundaries and polling sites for the General Primary (Runoff) Election. §7-5-101(a)(4)(A)

☒ 31 days before general primary (Runoff) election.

05/09/04* **DEADLINE TO APPLY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION (RUNOFF).** Amendment 51 section 9, §7-5-201 and AG Opinion 96-018.

☒ 30 days prior to general primary (Runoff) election

05/11/04 Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or fax for preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-403(a)(2).

☒ 7 days before preferential primary election and nonpartisan judicial general election.

05/13/04 Deadline for posting election notice at each polling site (optional) and publishing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county (mandatory) for the preferential primary election and the nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-202(b)

⊗ 5 days before preferential primary election and nonpartisan judicial general election.

05/17/04 Deadline for county clerks to receive in person or by designated bearer applications for absentee ballots for the preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-403(a)(2)

⊗ Closing time 1 day before preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election.

05/17/04 Deadline for the voter (except for overseas voters) to personally deliver absentee ballot to the county clerk. §7-5-411(a)(3)

⊗ Closing time 1 day before preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election.

05/17/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to designate an election official to deliver ballots to polls. §7-5-211(a)(1)

⊗ 1 day before preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election.

05/17/04 6:00 p.m. deadline for voter to participate in early voting. §7-5-418

⊗ 6:00 p.m. on Monday before election.

05/18/04 **Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan Judicial General Election** Polls are open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. §7-7-203(b), §7-5-304.

⊗ Tuesday three weeks prior to general primary.

05/18/04 1:30 p.m. - Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of voter in a hospital or nursing home. §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(iv)(a)

⊗ 1:30 p.m. on day of preferential primary election and nonpartisan judicial general election.

05/18/04 7:30 p.m. – Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballots (excluding overseas ballots) by mail, the designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the voter for preferential primary or nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-411(a)

⊗ Not later than 7:30 p.m. on election day.

05/18/04 Election sheriff shall post "Vote Here" sign near each main driveway entrance to polling site. 7-4-107(b)

⊗ Preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election day.

05/18/04 Deadline for qualified electors outside the United States to sign, date, postmark and mail absentee ballot to the county clerk. [Must be received by the county clerk by 5 pm 10 days after election.] §7-5-411

⊗ Preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election day.

05/18/04 Deadline for active duty uniformed services personnel to execute absentee ballot. [Must be received by county clerk by 5:00 p.m. 10 days after election.] §7-5-411

⊗ Preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election day.

05/18/04 County Board of Election Commissioners shall post at each polling site the public notice of election, sample ballot, instructions on voting and voters' rights, and information on fraud and misrepresentation laws. §7-5-202(c)

☒ ***Day of election.***

05/18/04 Deadline for return of all election material from the polls to the county board of election commissioners for the preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-317(b)

☒ ***Immediately after polls close***

05/18/04 County Board of Election Commissioners shall declare and report to the county clerk the preliminary and unofficial results of the preferential primary election, including a statement of number of outstanding overseas absentee ballots. Clerk shall immediately transmit declaration to the Secretary of State by the Internet website interface provided by the Secretary of State. §7-5-701(a)(2)(A)

☒ ***Immediately after the count of the vote is complete.***

05/19/04 Deadline for the county board of election commissioners to appoint election officials for general primary (Runoff) election §7-4-107(b)(1)(A)

☒ ***20 days before general primary (Runoff) election.***

05/19/04 Deadline for county clerk to publish in a newspaper the additional early voting polling sites and hours for early voting. §7-5-418(b)(1)(C); §7-5-418(b)(5)

☒ ***5 days before start of early voting (5/24/04) for general primary (runoff) election***

05/20/04 7:30 p.m. Earliest time for county board of election commissioners to meet to canvass returns and certify the preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election results if there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots. (Meeting held at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified.) §7-7-203(g)(1); §7-5-701

☒ ***48 hours after preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election***

05/24/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to publish and post lists of appointees as judges, clerks and sheriffs of general primary election (Run off) on 06/08/04. §7-4-107(b)(2)

☒ ***15 days prior to general primary election.***

05/24/04 Early voting begins for general primary election (Runoff). §7-5-418(a)(1)

☒ ***Begins 15 days before an election and ends at 6:00 p.m. on the Monday before election day.***

05/24/04 Deadline for county clerks to mail notice to all voters affected by changes in polling sites for general primary election. §7-5-101(d)(2)

☒ ***At least 15 days before general primary (Runoff) election.***

05/28/04 5:00 p.m. - Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballots from uniformed service personnel serving in active duty and from voters outside the United States for preferential primary election and nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-411(a)(1)(A)

☒ ***5:00 p.m. ten calendar days after date of preferential primary election and nonpartisan judicial general election (05/18/04)***

05/28/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to meet and canvass returns and certify the preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election results if there were any outstanding overseas absentee ballots. §7-7-203(g) and §7-5-701

☒ 10 days after preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election (meeting to be at 5:00 unless otherwise specified)

05/29/04* Deadline for county board of election commissioners to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for the general primary (Runoff) election. §7-5-407(b)

☒ 10 days prior to general primary (Runoff) election.

05/29/04* County board of election commissioners to give public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of date of election, hours of voting on election day, polling sites, candidates and offices to be elected in general primary. §7-5-202(a)

☒ 10 days before general primary election (Run off) election.

05/31/04 Deadline for independent candidates (except municipal) to file statements of financial interest unless a statement was filed as an incumbent office holder by 01/31/03. §21-8-701(c)

☒ 30 days after deadline for independent candidates to file for office (5/01/04)

JUNE 2004

06/01/04 Deadline for county clerks to certify total number of registered voters to Secretary of State. Amendment 51, §14.

☒ First day of June of each year.

06/01/04 Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or fax for general primary (Runoff) election §7-5-403(a)(2)(b)(1)

☒ 7 days before general primary (Runoff) election

06/01/04 First day for designated bearer to pick up absentee ballots (2 maximum) for the general primary (runoff) election. §7-5-409(h)

☒ 7 days before general primary (Runoff) election.

06/03/04 Deadline for posting election notice at each polling site (optional) and publishing in newspaper of general circulation in the county (mandatory) for the general primary election (Runoff). §7-5-202(b)

☒ 5 days before general primary election (Runoff) on 06/08/04.

06/05/04* Deadline for colleges to request voter registration applications from Secretary of State.

☒ 120 days before registration deadline for general election (10/03/04)

06/07/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to designate an election official to deliver ballots to polls for the general primary election (Runoff). §7-5-211(a)(1)

☒ 1 day before general primary election (Runoff) election.

06/07/04 Deadline for county clerks to receive in person or by designated bearer applications for absentee ballots for the general primary election (Runoff). §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)

☒ Closing time one day before general primary (Runoff) election

06/07/04 Deadline for the voter (except overseas voters) to personally deliver an absentee ballot to the county clerk. §7-5-411(a)(3)

☒ 1 day before general primary election (Runoff) on 06/08/04

06/07/04 6:00 p.m. Deadline for voter to participate in early voting. 7-5-418(a)(1)

☒ 6:00 p.m. on Monday before election.

06/07/04 Deadline for citizens to file election complaint with Circuit Court. §7-5-807

☒ 20 days after preferential primary and nonpartisan judicial general election (05/18/04)

06/08/04 **General Primary Election (Run-Off)** Polls open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. §7-7-203(a); §7-5-304.

☒ Second Tuesday in June.

06/08/04 Deadline for qualified electors outside the United States to sign, date, postmark and mail absentee ballots to county clerk [must be received by the county clerk by 5 pm 10 days after election] §7-5-411

☒ General Primary (Runoff) Election Day

06/08/04 Deadline for active duty uniformed services personnel to execute absentee ballot. [Must be received by county clerk by 5:00 p.m. 10 days after election.] §7-5-411

☒ General Primary (Runoff) Election Day

06/08/04 1:30 p.m. Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of the voter in a hospital or nursing home for the general primary election (Runoff). §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(iv)(a)

☒ 1:30 p.m. on day of general primary (Runoff) election

06/08/04 Election sheriff shall post "Vote Here" sign near each main driveway entrance to polling site. §7-4-107(b)

☒ On the day of general primary (Runoff) election

06/08/04 7:30 p.m. – Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballots by mail, the designated bearer, administrator, or the authorized agent of the absentee voter for general primary election (Runoff): excludes overseas ballots. §7-5-411(a)

☒ 7:30 p.m. on day of general primary (Runoff) election

06/08/04 Deadline for return of all election material from the polls to the county board of election commissioners for the general primary (Runoff) election. §7-5-317(b)

☒ Immediately after polls close

06/08/04 County Board of Election Commissioners to declare and report to the county clerk the preliminary and unofficial results of the primary runoff election, including a statement of number of outstanding overseas absentee ballots. Clerk shall immediately transmit declaration to SOS electronically. §7-5-701(a)(2)

☒ Immediately after the count of the vote is complete

06/10/04 7:30 p.m. Earliest time for the county board of election commissioners to meet to canvass returns and certify the general primary election (Runoff) if there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots. (Meeting held at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified) §7-7-203(g)(1), §7-5-701(a)

☒ 48 hours after general primary (Runoff)

06/14/04 Date of county convention of the political parties holding a primary election §7-7-203(h)

☒ First Monday following date of runoff on 06/08/04

06/17/04 Deadline for candidate to file a preferential primary election contest in Circuit Court. §7-5-801

☒ Within 20 days after certification of election results (5-28-04 at the latest).

06/17/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to report to State Board of Election Commissioners the total number of under votes and over votes in the preferential primary election and nonpartisan judicial general election. §7-5-707(b)

☒ 30 days after any election.

06/18/04 5:00 p.m. deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballots from uniformed service personnel serving in active duty and from qualified electors outside the United States for the general primary election (Runoff). §7-5-411(a)(1)(A)

☒ No later than 5:00 p.m. 10 calendar days after date of general primary (Runoff) election on 06/08/04.

06/18/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to meet and canvass returns and certify results if there were any outstanding overseas absentee ballots. §7-7-203(g) and 7-5-701(a)(1).

☒ 10 days after general primary election (Runoff) on 06/08/04.

06/28/04 Deadline for citizens to file complaint with the Circuit Court on the general primary election (runoff). §7-5-807

☒ Within 20 days after general primary (runoff) election on 06/08/04

JULY 2004

07/02/04 Deadline to file petitions with the Secretary of State to place an initiated measure on the General Election ballot. AR Const. Amend. #7

☒ 4 Months before general election

07/08/04 Deadline for candidate to contest general primary election (Runoff) in Circuit Court. §7-5-801(d)

☒ Filed within 20 days after certification of election results (06/18/04 at the latest).

07/08/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to report to State Board of Election Commissioners the total number of under votes and over votes in the general primary (runoff) election. §7-5-707

☒ 30 days after any election.

7/15/04 Filing period begins for independent candidates for municipal offices with mayor council form of government to file petitions of nomination and political practice pledges with the county clerk. (Does not apply to district judges.) §14-42-206(b)(1); §7-6-102(a)(3)

☒ 110 days prior to municipal general election (11/02/04)

AUGUST 2004

08/04/04 Deadline for write-in candidates to file their notice of intent to become a candidate and file their political practice pledge. §7-5-205(b)(1)

☒ 90 days before general election (11/02/04).

08/04/04 12:00 Noon. Deadline for independent candidates for municipal offices, with mayor-council form of government, to file political practice pledges and nomination petitions. [County clerk must verify within 10 days of filing.] §14-42-206(b)(1); §7-6-102(a)(3)

☒ 90 days before general election (11/02/04).

08/04/04 Deadline for Secretary of State to provide county clerks with federal regulations concerning voting by overseas citizens and uniformed service personnel. §7-5-406(b)(2)

☒ 90 days before general election (11/02/04).

08/04/04 Deadline for Secretary of State to provide voter registration applications to colleges that request them.

☒ 60 days before voter registration deadline (10/03/04) for general election.

08/06/04 12:00 Noon - Deadline for candidates for mayor or director in cities with city administrator form of government to file petition and statement of candidacy with city clerk. §14-48-109(a)(3) and (4).

☒ Noon - 60 days prior to municipal primary election on 10/05/04.

8/09/04 Deadline for Secretary of State to notify write-in candidates for state and district offices, and for county clerks to notify write-in and independent candidates for county, municipal and township offices by certified mail, which requires a return receipt signed by the candidates, of failure to file signed political practice pledges. Notice shall include a copy of the political practice pledge. §7-6-102(e)(2)(A)

☒ Within 5 days from filing deadline

08/14/04* Filing period begins for candidates for director in cities with city manager form of government to file petitions and political practice pledges with county clerk. §14-47-110(a)(2)

☒ 80 days prior to general election (11/02/04.)

08/24/04 The Secretary of State shall notify by registered mail the chairman and secretary of the state committee of the respective political parties that a certificate of nomination is due for all nominated candidates for United States, state, and district offices in order that the candidate's name be placed on the ballot of the general election. §7-7-203 (j)(1)

☒ 70 days prior to general election (11/02/04).

8/31/04 Deadline for city clerk or recorder in cities with city administrator form of government to certify name of candidate and election proclamation to county board of election commissioners (unless petition fails to meet required standards). §14-48-109(a)(6)(B)

☒ 35 days before municipal primary election (10/05/04).

SEPTEMBER 2004

09/03/04 Deadline for county clerk to notify by registered mail the county committee of each political party that a certified list of county, township and municipal nominees shall be filed with the county board of election commissioners and the county clerk. §7-7-203(j)(2)

☒ 60 days prior to general election.

09/03/04 Deadline for the majority party county chairman to submit a certified list of five nominees for third member of CBEC to the state board of election commissioners. §7-4-102(b)(2)(C)

☒ Subsequent to primary election but at least sixty calendar days before general election (11/02/04).

09/03/04 Deadline for county clerks to begin to make available upon request applications for absentee ballots for the General Election (11/02/04). §7-5-405(a)(1)

☒ At least 60 days before general election on 11/02/04.

09/03/04 Deadline for candidates for federal, state and district offices to file their certificates of nomination with the Secretary of State. §7-7-203(j)(1)(B)(i)

☒ 60 days before general election on 11/02/04.

09/03/04 12:00 Noon: Deadline for candidates for director in cities with city manager form of government to file petitions and political practice pledges with city clerk by 12:00 noon §14-47-110(a)(2)

☒ Not more than 80 (8/14/04) nor less than 60 (09/03/04) days before the election by noon.

09/03/04 Deadline for municipal independent and state and district write-in candidates to file statements of financial interest unless a statement was filed as an incumbent office holder by January 31, 2004. §21-8-701(c).

☒ Within 30 days after deadline for filing for office (8/04/04)

09/07/04 First day for the Secretary of State to publish ballot measures (other than referred constitutional amendments) certified for the general election ballot. §7-9-113(b)(2)

☒ Publication should start 8 weeks prior to general election (11/02/04)

09/13/04 Deadline for the state board of election commissioners to appoint new third members for the county election commissions. §7-4-102(b)(2)(D)

☒ 50 calendar days before general election (11/02/04)

09/13/04 Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify to the county election commission a full list of all candidates and ballot issues to be voted on in the general election and the nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-5-203; §7-5-204.

☒ Not less than 50 days before general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

09/18/04* Deadline for county committee of political party to submit list of nominees to county board of election commissioners and county clerk. §7-7-203(j)(2)

☒ 45 days before general election (11/02/04)

09/24/04 Deadline for county clerks to begin to make available upon request applications for absentee ballots for the general election Runoff. §7-5-405

☒ At least 60 days prior to general election runoff (11/23/04)

09/28/04 Deadline for candidates to draw for ballot positions in the general election. §7-5-208(f)(4) (Ballot order for nonpartisan judicial runoff remains same as in judicial general.)

☒ Not less than 35 days prior to general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

09/28/04 Deadline for city clerk or recorder in cities with city manager form of government to certify names of candidates for director, and the election proclamation (if a special election) to county board of election commissioners (unless petition fails to meet required standards). §14-47-110(a)(3)(D)

☒ 35 days before general election

OCTOBER 2004

10/02/04* Deadline for county election commission to change precinct boundaries and polling places for the general election and the nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-5-101

☒ 31 days before general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

10/03/04* **DEADLINE TO APPLY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR GENERAL ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL RUNOFF ELECTION.** Amend. 51, §9; §7-5-201 and AG Op 96-018.

☒ Must register to vote 30 days prior to date of general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election (11/02/04)

10/05/04 Municipal primary election (other than initial primary) for directors and mayor in cities with city administrator form of government if more than two candidates qualify. §§14-48-109(a)(2)(B), 14-48-109(a)(8)

☒ 4th Tuesday before municipal general election (11/02/04)

10/08/04 First day to demonstrate voting machines for the general election and the nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-5-509(b)

☒ 25 days before general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

10/08/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to deliver absentee ballots to county clerks for the general election and the nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-5-407

☒ 25 days before general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

10/13/04 Deadline for Attorney General to send abstract of initiative measures to the Secretary of State. §7-9-114

☒ Not less than 20 days before general election (11/02/04)

10/13/04 County board of election commissioners to give public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of date of the election, hours of voting on election day, polling sites, candidates and offices to be elected (excluding nonpartisan judicial candidates). §7-5-202(a)

☒ 20 days before general election (11/02/04)

10/13/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to appoint election officials. §7-4-107(b)

☒ 20 days before general election (11/05/02)

10/13/04 County clerk to publish in a newspaper of general circulation additional early voting sites and early voting hours. §7-5-418(b)

☒ 5 days before start of early voting, which is 10/18/04, for general election

10/15/04 Deadline for Secretary of State to furnish ballot title and popular name of each proposed ballot measure to the State Board of Election Commissioners and to all county boards of election commissioners. §7-9-115

☒ 18 days before general election (11/02/04)

10/15/04 Deadline for Secretary of State to send certified copies of Attorney General's abstract of initiated ballot measures to each county board of election commissioners, who shall post copies at all polling sites. §7-9-114(b)

☒ 18 days before general election (11/02/04)

10/18/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to publish and post lists of election officials for general election and the nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-4-107(b)

☒ Within 15 days before general election (11/02/04)

10/18/04 Early voting begins for general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-5-418(a)(1)

☒ Begins 15 days before election (11/02/04) and ends at 6:00 p.m. on Monday before election.

10/18/04 Deadline for county clerk to mail notice to all voters affected by changes in polling sites. §7-5-101(d)(2).

☒ At least 15 days before general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

10/18/04 First day for designated bearer to pick up absentee ballot (2 maximum) for the general election and the nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-5-409(h)

☒ 15 days before general election.

10/23/04* Deadline for county board of election commissioners to demonstrate voting machines for the general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election on 11/02/04. §7-5-509(b)

⊗ No less than 10 days prior to general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election on 11/02/04.

10/23/04* County Board of Election Commissioners to give public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of date of the election, the hours of voting on election, polling sites, and the candidates and offices to be elected at the nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-5-202

⊗ 10 days before nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

10/23/04* Deadline for County Board of Election Commissioners to change precinct boundaries and polling sites for the general election runoff. §7-5-101(a)(4).

⊗ 31 days before general election runoff (county and municipal only) on 11/23/04.

10/24/04* **DEADLINE TO APPLY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF.** §7-5-201, AG Op. 96-018 and Amendment 51, §9.

⊗ 30 calendar days prior to general runoff election on 11/23/04

10/26/04 Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or fax for general election and the nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-5-403(a)(2)

⊗ 7 days before general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

10/28/04 Deadline for posting election notice at each polling site with time of election, polling sites and offices to be elected (optional) and publishing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county (mandatory) for the general election and the nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-5-202

⊗ No later than 5 days prior to general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election (11/02/04)

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11/01/04 Deadline for the voter (except overseas voters) to personally deliver an absentee ballot to the county clerk. §7-5-411(a)(3)

⊗ Closing time 1 day before general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

11/01/04 6:00 p.m. Deadline for voter to participate in early voting. §7-5-418(a)

⊗ 6:00 p.m. on Monday before election (11/02/04).

11/01/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to designate an election official to deliver ballots to polls. §7-5-211(a)(1)

⊗ 1 day before general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

11/01/04 Deadline for county clerks to receive applications for absentee ballots in person or by designated bearer for the general election and the nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-5-403(a)(2).

⊗ Closing time 1 day before general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

- 11/02/04 **General Election and Nonpartisan Judicial Runoff Election**
§7-5-102 (Polls Open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.) §7-5-304
- ☒ Tuesday next after first Monday in November in every even numbered year.**
- 11/02/04 Election sheriff shall post "Vote Here" sign near each main driveway entrance to polling sites. §7-4-107(b).
- ☒ Day of general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.**
- 11/02/04 1:30 p.m. Deadline for absentee ballot application to be delivered to the county clerk by an authorized agent of the voter. §7-5-403(2)(A)(iv)
- ☒ 1:30 p.m. on day of general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.**
- 11/02/04 7:30 p.m. - Deadline for absentee ballots (excluding overseas ballots) to be delivered to the county clerk by the designated bearer, administrator or the authorized agent of the voter. §7-5-411(a)
- ☒ 7:30 p.m. on day of general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.**
- 11/02/04 Deadline for qualified electors outside the United States to sign, date, postmark and mail absentee ballots to county clerk [must be received by county clerk no later than 5 pm 10 days after election]. §7-5-411(B)(i)
- ☒ Day of general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.**
- 11/02/04 Deadline for return of all election material from the polls to the county election commission. §7-5-317(b)
- ☒ Immediately after polls close.**
- 11/02/04 County Board of Election Commissioners to declare and report to the county clerk the preliminary and unofficial results of the general election, including a statement of number of outstanding overseas absentee ballots. Clerk shall immediately transmit declaration to SOS electronically. §7-5-701(a)(2)
- ☒ Immediately after the count of the vote is complete.**
- 11/02/04 Deadline for active duty uniformed services personnel to execute absentee ballot. [Must be received by county clerk by 5 p.m. 10 days after election.] §7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i)
- ☒ Day of general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.**
- 11/03/04 Deadline for county boards of election commissioners to appoint election officials for general runoff election. §7-4-107(b)
- ☒ 20 days prior to general election runoff (11/23/04).**
- 11/03/04 Deadline for county clerk to publish in a newspaper the locations of additional early voting sites and the hours of early voting for general runoff. §7-5-418(b)(1)(c)
- ☒ 5 days prior to early voting which starts on 11/08/04 for general election runoff**
- 11/04/04 7:30 p.m. Earliest time for county board of election commissioners to declare and certify results of general election to Secretary of State if there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots. §7-5-701(a)
- ☒ 48 hours after general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.**

11/08/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to publish and post lists of appointees as election officials for the general election runoff. §7-4-107(b)(2)

☒ 15 days prior to general election runoff

11/08/04 Early voting begins for general election runoff. §7-5-418(a)

☒ Begins 15 days prior to general election runoff and ends at 6:00 p.m. on Monday before election day.

11/08/04 Deadline for county clerks to mail notice to all voters affected by changes in polling sites. §7-5-101(d)(2)

☒ 15 days prior to general election runoff.

11/12/04 5:00 p.m. Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballots from uniformed service personnel on active duty and from voters outside the United States for the general election and the nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-5-411(a)(1)

☒ 5:00 p.m. 10 days after general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

11/12/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to canvass returns and certify results of general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election if there were any outstanding overseas absentee ballots. §7-5-701(a)

☒ No later than 10 days after general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

11/13/04* Deadline for county board of election commissioners to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for the general election Runoff. §7-5-407(b)

☒ 10 days prior to general election runoff.

11/13/04* County board of election commissioners to give public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the date of the election, the hours of voting on election day, polling sites for holding the elections in the county and the candidates and offices to be elected in general election runoff. §7-5-202(a)

☒ 10 days prior to general election runoff.

11/16/02 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to deliver certificate of election to winning candidates for any county office. §7-5-701(a)(3)

☒ 14 days after general election

11/16/04 Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or fax for general election runoff. §7-5-403(A)(ii)

☒ 7 days before general election runoff.

11/18/04 Deadline for posting election notice at each polling site (optional) and publishing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county (mandatory) for the general election runoff. §7-5-202

☒ 5 days prior to general election runoff

11/22/04 Deadline for the voter (except overseas voters) to deliver or to cast an absentee ballot in person with the county clerk. §7-5-411(a)(3)

☒ Closing time 1 day prior to general election runoff

11/22/04 6:00 p.m. deadline for voter to participate in early voting. §7-5-418(a)

⊗ 6:00 p.m. on Monday before election day (11/02/04)

11/22/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to designate an election official to deliver ballots to polls. §7-5-211(a)(1)

⊗ 1 day prior to general election runoff

11/22/04 Deadline for county clerks to receive applications for absentee ballots for the general election runoff in person or by designated bearer. §7-5-403(A)(iii)

⊗ Closing time 1 day prior to general election runoff

11/22/04 Deadline for citizens to file election complaint with the Circuit Court for the general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-5-807

⊗ 20 days after the general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

11/23/04 General Election Runoff (county and municipal only) Polls open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. §7-5-703; §7-5-704; §7-5-106.

⊗ 3 weeks after general election (11/02/04)

11/23/04 Deadline for qualified electors outside the United States to sign, date, postmark and mail absentee ballots to county clerk [must be received by county clerk by 10 days after election]. §7-5-411

⊗ Day of general election runoff

11/23/04 1:30 p.m. Deadline for absentee ballot application to be delivered to the county clerk by an authorized agent of the voter. §7-5-403(a)

⊗ 1:30 p.m. on day of general election runoff

11/23/04 7:30 p.m. Deadline for absentee ballots (except overseas ballots) to be delivered to the county clerk by mail, designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the voter. §7-5-411(a)

⊗ 7:30 p.m. on day of general election runoff

11/23/04 Deadline for return of all election material from the polls to the county board of election commissioners. §7-5-317(b)

⊗ Immediately after polls close.

11/23/04 Election sheriff shall post "Vote Here" sign near each main driveway entrance to polling sites. §7-4-107(b)

⊗ Day of general election runoff.

11/23/04 County Board of Election Commissioners to declare and report to the county clerk the preliminary and unofficial results of the general election runoff, including a statement of number of outstanding overseas absentee ballots. Clerk shall immediately transmit declaration to SOS electronically. §7-5-701(a)(2)

⊗ Immediately after the count of the vote is complete

11/25/04 7:30 p.m. Earliest time for the county election commission to declare and certify results of the general election runoff to the Secretary of State if there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots. §7-5-701(a)

ⓧ 48 hours after general election runoff

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12/02/04 Deadline for candidate to contest general election or nonpartisan judicial runoff election in Circuit Court. §7-5-801(d)

ⓧ 20 days after certification (11/12/04 at the latest) of general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election.

12/02/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to report to State Board of Election Commissioners the total number of under votes and over votes in the general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election. §7-5-707(b)

ⓧ 30 days after any election.

12/03/04 5:00 p.m. Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballots from uniformed service personnel on active duty and from voters outside the United States for the general election runoff. §7-5-411(a)(1)

ⓧ 5:00 p.m. 10 days after general election runoff

12/03/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to canvass returns and certify results of general election runoff if there were any outstanding overseas absentee ballots. § 7-5-701(a)

ⓧ 10 days after general election runoff.

12/07/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to deliver certificates of election to winning candidates for county offices in the general election runoff. §7-5-701(a)

ⓧ 14 days after general election runoff.

12/13/04 Deadline for citizens to file complaint with the Circuit Court in the general election runoff. §7-5-807

ⓧ 20 days after general election runoff.

12/23/04 Deadline for candidate to contest general election runoff in Circuit Court. §7-5-801(d)

ⓧ 20 days after certification (12/03/04 at the latest) of general election runoff.

12/23/04 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to report to State Board of Election Commissioners the total number of under votes and over votes in the general election runoff. §7-5-707(b)

ⓧ 30 days after any election.

JANUARY 2005

01/01/05* Deadline for officials elected in November 2, 2004, general election and the nonpartisan judicial runoff election, and for judges elected at nonpartisan judicial general election without a runoff to send legal fee for commission to Secretary of State. §21-2-101, §21-

6-202, §21-2-102 [NOTE: State legislators are not required to be commissioned. However, legislators wanting to receive a commission must pay the fee.]

ⓧ 60 days after general election and nonpartisan judicial runoff election on 11/02/04.

01/31/05 Deadline for incumbent office holders to file statements of financial interest for 2003. [State and district officials file with the Secretary of State; county, township and school officials file with the county clerk; municipal officials file with the city clerk or recorder.] §21-8-701(c)

ⓧ Must be filed on or before January 31 of each year.

***These dates fall on a weekend or holiday. Any deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day. §7-1-108.**

NOTE: For filing deadlines for campaign finance filings (campaign contribution and expenditure reports, PAC and lobbyist reports), contact the Arkansas Ethics Commission at 324-9600 or visit their website at www.arkansasethics.com

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Petition Requirements for New Political Parties

September 3, 2004

Ballot access for the 2004 General Election requires state committees to issue certificate of nominations to all nominated candidates who shall file the certificate of nomination with the Secretary of State sixty (60) days prior to the election.

Following this requirement, circulation of petitions beginning February 10, 2004, and filing of the petition on July 19, 2004, will allow maximum time for processing.